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Librarian :

WILLIAM CHOULES.

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LIBRARIAN'S REPORT for 1908-9.

I have pleasure in submitting for your consideration the 14th Annual Report of the work of the Library for the year ending August 31st, 1909. It is gratifying to state that we are still making progress. The Tables of Statistics given in the pages following will show that our increase in the circulation from the Lending Department is not so marked as the three preceding years have shown, there having only been 970 increase; but seeing that the past three years have shown an increase in the circulation of 6,597, it can hardly be expected that we shall continue to increase at that rapid rate, the four years now closed showing an increase of 7,467, the grand total reached for the year being 29,917 volumes.

Lending Department.

STOCK.

During the year 69 volumes have been added to this department: by purchase, 59 volumes; by presentation, 10 volumes, including Mr. Thurstan C. Peters' "History of Cornwall."

WEAR AND TEAR OF BOOKS.

28 volumes have been worn out and replaced.
26 volumes have been re-bound or recased.

STOCKTAKING.

This department was closed from August 14th for Stocktaking, etc., and re-opened on Sept. 3rd.

I regret that one family has left the town and taken two books away, all efforts to trace them having failed. I have to report the loss of these two books.

Total number of volumes in the Lending Department 2,955. Total number of Fiction. 1438; non-Fiction, 1517.

ISSUES.

29,917 volumes have been issued to 752 borrowers from this department, and, being open 293 days, gives a daily average of 103.

BORROWERS' CARDS.

During the year new cards have been issued to 166 new borrowers, as against 208 the preceding year. Ratepayers 38, non-ratepayers 128.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

This department, after having undergone a thorough inspection and weeding out, has been put in order, and cataloguing proceeded with, and before long I am anticipating a new and complete list of all our books.

There are altogether 4,372 Books, Reports and Directories. During the year 43 volumes have been presented and 2 purchased.

Amongst the presented is "The Churchwardens' Accounts of the Parish of Camborne," by Thurstan C. Peter, dating from 1675 to 1780.

During the past year the Library has also become the possessor of a valuable Pencil Drawing of the Redruth Old Clock Tower and the "Rose and Crown" Inn, by the celebrated J. M. W. Turner, R A. This was subscribed for amongst a few friends, through the efforts of Mr. A. P. Jenkin, to whom, and to the subscribers, the thanks of the Committee are due. The said sketch will be hung in the Book Room and can be inspected by any person on application to the Librarian.

Crockford's Clerical Directory has also been added to this department.

READING ROOM.

This Room continues to serve the general public in a very marked way. The general appreciation of it is shown by the numbers patronising it every day.

WILLIAM CHOULES (Librarian).

TOTALS FOR PAST TEN YEARS.

Classification.	1899-1900	1900-1	1901-2	1902-3	1903-4	1904-5	1905-6	1906-7	1907-8	1908-9
General	244	810	846	1,265	1,231	940	1,211	1,394	1,181	1,127
Philosophy	120	250	371	347	565	690	500	583	532	514
Religion	160	533	571	582	776	982	1,044	1,198	1,182	1,195
Sociology	412	524	584	680	846	680	519	390	320	331
Philology	50	154	295	420	287	274	217	219	186	221
Natural Science	1,106	1,372	1,533	1,576	1,836	1,770	1,045	1,112	1,172	1,214
Useful Arts	310	313	432	651	682	496	418	338	420	565
Fine Arts	380	396	483	401	489	436	353	359	530	646
Fiction	12,147	14,800	14,000	13,574	12,930	11,830	15,885	16,002	19,070	19,442
Literature	365	707	1,139	1,137	1,165	910	1,297	1,713	1,179	1,126
Travel	748	936	1,300	1,455	1,349	1,272	762	1,093	1,030	1,035
Biography	213	259	257	324	354	314	475	716	871	1,030
History	911	1,580	1,589	1,428	1,643	1,750	1,049	1,201	1,274	1,471
Yearly Totals	17,166	22,634	23,400	23,790	24,154	22,350	24,775	26,318	28,947	29,917

Total Vols.

1908 and 1909 months.		General.	Philosophy	Religion	Sociology	Philology	Natural Science	Useful Arts	Fine Arts	Fiction	Literature	Travel	Biography	History	Total vols. issued	Days open	Daily Average
Aug. 31 to Sept. 26	46	21	61	12	7	64	22	34	1,257	42	44	61	88	1,759	24	73	
Sept. 28 " Oct. 24	75	22	77	25	9	97	39	45	1,461	76	80	71	125	2,200	24	91	
Oct. 26 " Nov. 21	87	31	93	23	7	88	39	49	1,436	73	72	80	124	2,202	24	91	
Nov. 23 " Dec. 19	91	41	98	23	14	91	35	50	1,531	79	74	89	100	2,303	24	96	
Dec. 21 " Jan. 16	90	38	90	18	14	94	46	55	1,524	77	85	84	109	2,324	22	105	
Jan. 18 " Feb. 13	120	56	115	26	22	101	48	68	1,602	84	94	97	135	2,568	24	107	
Feb. 15 " Mar. 13	114	64	117	28	21	117	55	49	1,713	114	100	107	154	2,755	24	114	
Mar. 15 " Apr. 10	97	46	108	34	19	96	45	45	1,758	117	89	79	112	2,555	23	111	
Apr. 12 " May 8	112	49	95	34	21	111	62	54	1,701	114	86	79	91	2,609	23	114	
May 10 " June 5	96	47	110	32	24	99	52	50	1,543	95	92	75	114	2,529	22	114	
June 7 " July 3	76	35	97	24	19	91	37	56	1,558	97	84	66	125	2,355	24	98	
July 5 " July 31	80	36	90	29	20	114	46	60	1,543	92	93	90	125	2,498	24	104	
Aug. 2 " Aug. 14	43	28	44	23	24	51	39	31	815	66	52	52	71	1,359	11	123	
	1,127	514	1,195	331	221	1,214	565	646	19,442	1,126	1,035	1,030	1,471	29,917	293	103	
Percentage	3.76	1.71	3.99	1.10	.73	4.05	1.88	2.15	64.98	3.76	3.45	3.44	4.91				

List of Newspapers, Magazines, and Periodicals supplied to the Reading Room.

DAILIES.

Western Daily Mercury	2 copies
„ Morning News	2 „
London Daily News	„
„ „ Chronicle	
Standard	
Daily Graphic.	

WEEKLIES.

Aspirant	Feathered World
Building News	Hereford Times
Board of Trade Journal	Illustrated Official Journal
Blackpool Times	(Patents)
Canada	Justice
Canadian Gazette	Ladies' Pictorial
Christian World	Illustrated London News
Civil Service and Commer-	Mechanic
cial Weekly	Mining Journal
Cornubian & Cornwall	Monitor and New Era
County Times	Practical Engineer
Cornish Post and Mining	Punch
News	Poultry
Cornishman	West Briton (2 copies)
Exchange and Mart	

MONTHLIES.

Animals' Guardian	Labour Gazette
Boys' Own Paper	Literary World
Canadian Life and	Literary Guide
Resources	Musical Herald
Cassell's Magazine	Nineteenth Century
Century Magazine	Pearson's Magazine
Chambers' Journal	Review of Reviews
Chamber of Commerce	St. Nicholas
Girls' Own Paper	Strand Magazine
Great Western Railway	Social Democrat
Magazine	The Shoemakers Manu-
Herald of Health	facturers' Monthly
International Theosophical	The White Ribbon
Chronicle	Travellers' Gazette.

TWICE MONTHLY.

University Correspondence

QUARTERLY.

Emigration . Circulars for Canada, Australasia, and
South Africa.
Our Heritage.

DIRECTORIES.

Bennetts' Business Directory of Cornwall, Devon and
Somerset.
Cornwall Trades' Directory, accompanied with a
Gazetteer of England.
Crockford's Clerical Directory, 1909
Kelly's Directory of Devon and Cornwall.
South Western Counties of England Trades Directory,
including Cornwall, Devonshire, Dorset,
Gloucester, Hampshire, Monmouth, Somer-
set, Wiltshire and Channel Islands.
Stubbs' Directory.
Practical Advertising.

RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

Belgian State Railway and Mail Packet Service Dover
to Ostend
Caledonian Railway
Cambrian Railway
Furness Railway
Glasgow South Western Railway
Great Western Railway
,, Northern Railway
,, Eastern Railway
,, Central Railway
,, Northern Railway of Ireland
,, Southern and Western Railway of Ireland
,, North of Scotland Railway
Highland Railway
London, Brighton and South Coast Railway
,, and North Western Railway
,, and South Western Railway
Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway
Midland Railway
Midland and Great Western Railway of Ireland
North British Railway
,, Eastern Railway
South Eastern Railway
South Eastern Railway and Sea Routes to Paris.

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Messrs. C. F. Dunn, J. Harris, S. Launder,
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LIBRARIAN'S REPORT for 1909-10.

In submitting for your consideration the 15th Annual Report of the work of the Library for the year ending August 31st, 1910, I am not able to report the same progress as in previous years during my Librarianship. You will see by the figures in the following table that the circulation in 1908-9 was 29,917 volumes, in 1909-10 the circulation has dropped to 28,763. In 1908-9 the Lending Department was open 293 days, with an average of 103 books per day ; in 1909-10 the same department was open 286 days, with an average of 101 per day. Seeing the lending department was open seven days less in 1909-10 than in 1908-9, the daily average of 101 for seven days would be 707, showing a decrease in the circulation of 447 only, instead as would appear at first sight of 1,154.

One reason for a smaller circulation is that such a limited amount could be spent on new books. I am also reducing as much as possible the number of worn-out books for replacement and rebinding ; so that I may have a larger number of new books to place before the reading public. Nothing hampers the work of progress more than the lack of new material, as it considerably reduces the interest.

I had hoped the new catalogue would have been in the hands of the public long before this and would have created an interest in books other than those I have been able to place before them.

During 1909-10 we had only 726 borrowers for the year, as against 752 in 1908-9.

STOCK.

During the year 29 volumes have been added to this department ; by purchase 23, including Baring Gould's " Cornish Characters and Strange Events," " Norman Architecture in Cornwall " " Pre-historic Rhodesia," " George Grenfell and the Congo." and Crawford's " Soprano, Primadonna," and " Diva's Ruby ;" by presentation, 6 volumes.

WEAR AND TEAR OF BOOKS.

Nineteen volumes have been worn out and replaced. Nineteen volumes have been re-bound or re-cased.

STOCKTAKING.

This department was closed from August 13th for stocktaking, etc., and re-opened Sept. 5th.

I had to report last year one family leaving the town and taking with them two books. After strenuous efforts to trace them having failed, I had to report the loss of these two books.

I continued my efforts to find the whereabouts of these people and traced them to several towns, getting in touch with them after many weeks of searching, demanding from them, and getting the books returned on December 12th, 1909, in a good state of preservation. Therefore, I now report these books back in the Library again, not lost as previously stated.

Total number of volumes in the Lending department, 2,984. Total number of Fiction, 1454 ; non-fiction, 1530.

ISSUES.

28,763 volumes have been issued to 726 borrowers from this department, and being open 286 days, gives a daily average of 101.

BORROWERS CARDS.

During the year new cards have been issued to 28 ratepayers, as against 38 last year; to non-rate-payers 153, as against 128 the previous year; making a total of 181 new borrowers, as against 166 the preceding year.

OVERDUE BOOKS.

Books that have been out more than six weeks and treated as overdue books and written for, 136.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

This department continues to supply a need and is a means of help to many young students who are making considerable use of it. There are altogether 4,418 Books, Reports and Directories. During the year 46 volumes have been presented, amongst others "A Century of Population Growth in the United States, 1790-1900," Business Directory of Cornwall, (Bennetts), English Directory and Gazetteer (Macdonalds), Public General Acts, 1909. By purchase, Kelly's Directory of Devon and Cornwall for 1910, and One Hundred Gems of English Scenery.

The thanks of the Committee are due to Professor Penberthy for the presentation to the Library, through our well-known fellow-townsmen, Mr. Thurstan C. Peter, of a valuable and interesting series of Parish and other papers relating to Redruth and neighbourhood, and dating from 1740 to 1829. These papers, bound together in a costly manner, at the expense also of Professor Penberthy, have been placed in the Reference Department.

The work of beautifying the interior of the Library has been carried out in a very satisfactory manner by a sub-committee to superintend and direct operations. The colour chosen for the walls gives a neat and pleasant appearance.

READING ROOM,

This Room still maintains its popularity and is being patronised by a very large number of visitors each day.

Wm. CHOULES (Librarian).

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Sociology	524	584	680	846	680	519	390	320	331	287
Philology	154	295	420	287	274	217	219	186	221	206
Natural Science	1,372	1,533	1,576	1,836	1,770	1,045	1,112	1,172	1,214	1,290
Useful Arts	313	432	651	682	496	418	338	420	565	580
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Yearly Totals	22,634	23,400	23,790	24,154	22,350	24,775	26,318	28,947	29,917	28,763

Issue every four weeks in each class. No. of days Library was open. Total Vols.
issued, and Daily Average and Percentage.

1909 and 1910 Months.	General	Philosophy	Religion	Sociology	Philology	Natural Science	Useful Arts	Fine Arts	Fiction	Literature	Travel	Biography	History	Total vols issued	Days open	Daily Average
Sept. 6 to Oct. 2	25	18	47	9	10	54	17	37	1,140	41	47	42	65	1,552	24	64
Oct. 4 to " 30	71	30	86	23	13	93	54	77	1,537	73	97	77	120	2,353	24	98
Nov. 1 to Nov. 27	63	39	90	25	17	89	36	66	1,527	82	91	91	128	2,355	24	98
" 29 to Dec. 24 1910.	57	25	88	22	16	109	39	65	1,540	71	75	85	113	2,305	23	100
Dec. 27 to Jan. 22	67	34	94	24	13	107	41	65	1,592	74	89	80	139	2,419	23	105
Jan. 24 to Feb. 19	96	40	107	26	19	130	63	66	1,712	80	102	103	142	2,686	24	111
Feb. 21 to March 19	80	37	114	30	18	142	67	63	1,663	83	86	117	144	2,644	24	110
March 21 to April 16	65	46	98	31	21	112	65	55	1,645	72	87	104	142	2,543	22	115
April 18 to May 14	75	34	81	25	18	103	47	51	1,645	80	79	109	125	2,472	23	107
May 16 to June 11	69	30	91	25	15	111	43	57	1,596	52	87	94	96	2,366	22	107
June 13 to July 9	61	35	87	24	21	83	50	46	1,490	68	66	81	86	2,195	24	91
July 11 to Aug. 6	44	41	85	16	17	115	44	44	1,465	59	63	75	83	2,151	23	93
Aug. 8 to Aug. 13	18	3	17	7	8	42	14	19	492	22	22	30	25	719	6	118
Totals	791	412	1,085	287	206	1,290	580	711	19,044	857	991	1088	1,408	28,763	286	101
Percentage.	2.75	1.43	3.77	.99	.71	4.48	2.01	2.47	66.21	3.01	3.45	3.78	4.89			

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Board of Trade Journal	Illustrated Official Journal
Blackpool Times	(Patents)
Canada	Justice
Canadian Gazette	Ladies' Pictorial
Christian World	Illustrated London News
Civil Service and	Mechanic
Commercial Weekly	Mining Journal
Cornubian and Cornwall	Monitor and New Era
County Times	Practical Engineer
Cornish Post and Mining	Punch
News	West Briton (2 copies)
Cornishman	Exchange and Mart

MONTHLIES.

Animals' Guardian	Labour Gazette
Agricultural Economist &	Literary World
Horticultural Review	Literary Guide
Boys' Own Paper	Musical Herald
Canadian Life and	Nineteenth Century
Resources	Pearson's Magazine
Cassell's Magazine	Review of Reviews
Century Magazine	St. Nicholas
Chambers' Journal	Strand Magazine
Girls' Own Paper	Social Democrat
Great Western Railway	The Shoemakers Manu-
Magazine	facturer's Monthly
Herald of Health	The White Ribbon
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RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

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Caledonian Railway.

Cambrian Railway.

Furness Railway.

Glasgow South Western Railway.

Great Western Railway.

„ Northern Railway.

„ Eastern Railway,

„ Central Railway.

„ Northern Railway of Ireland.

„ Southern and Western Railway of Ireland.

„ North of Scotland Railway.

Highland Railway.

London, Brighton and South Coast Railway.

„ and North Western Railway.

„ and South Western Railway.

Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway.

Midland Railway.

Midland and Great Western Railway of Ireland.

North British Railway.

North Eastern Railway.

South Eastern Railway.

South Eastern Railway and Sea Routes to Paris.

